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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY

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SUBJ: GABON RECOGNIZES MPLA

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1. AS ANTICIPATED REFTTEL, GOG COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
MEETING FEB. 12 AND FORMALLY DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE  
"GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO AS SOLE GOVERN-  
MENT OF ANGOLA". COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT COUNCIL HAD  
ACTED ON BASIS OFHLECOMMENDATION FROM PDG POLITICAL  
BUREAU REPORTED REFTTEL, BUT GAVE NO OTHER JUSTIFICATION  
FOR GOG DECISION.

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2. FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN L'UNION REPORTING COUNCIL  
DECISION REVIEWED DISCUSSIONS IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
MEETING ON FEB. 7 (LIBREVILLE 253) AND POLITICAL BUREAU  
MEETING OF FEB. 11 AND INSISTED THAT GOG ACTION SHOULD  
NOT BE SEEN AS "OPPORTUNIST". RECOGNITION OF MPLA  
GOVERNMENT, PAPER OBSERVED, IS ACTION TAKEN BY GOG  
"STRONG IN ITS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND ABSOLUTE  
MASTER OF ITS OWN DECISIONS". ARTICLE CONCLUDED WITH  
EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT NETO REGIME, "IN HOUR OF ITS  
VICTORY", WOULD REMEMBER THAT FNLA AND UNITA HAD ALSO  
FOUGHT AGAINST PORTUGUESE OCCUPATION AND WOULD THUS "CON-  
STRUCT A FREE, INDEPENDENT AND UNIFIED COUNTRY WITH ALL  
THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE".

3. COMMENT: ABIDJAN 1455, JUST RECEIVED, SUGGESTS THAT  
TIMING OF GOG AND GOIC RECOGNITION DECISIONS MAY HAVE  
BEEN RESULT OF THEIR ONGOING CONSULTATIVE PROCESS. STEIGMAN

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